

The Bognor Club

Minutes of the Meeting on Wednesday 14th January 2026 10 am

Apologies	Len Christmas and Janice Crocket
Minutes of last Meeting	Agreed
Matters Arising	<p>Outside rail – LS asked if it would be possible to have a rail to delineate the outside front south end of our property from the alleyway as dustbins are strewn across our property and the resulting rubbish, which has to be picked up and cleared. Every Thursday there is a real mess outside the Club and even Wednesday nights, when the Music Club are renting our room. This would also help those who might be disabled and LS to write to Conservation Officer at ADC</p> <p>Gents' toilet was leaking – repaired</p> <p>Ladies' toilet hot air dryer – ongoing</p> <p>Trophy boards – It was agreed that when a new board is started just the name will be shown not the Mr, Mrs or Miss or Ms. IM is dealing with this year's boards</p> <p>Sessions – We have some sessions which are really struggling and with such a small number of members playing sometimes, which results in such skewed results, the committee decided that results would not go to the EBU unless there are 4 full tables. LS to do email to try and encourage more members to play at sessions</p> <p>Chairs – ongoing</p> <p>Water tank for hot water lower toilet – It has been noted that the large water tank in the downstairs toilet is a waste of the Club's money as it is on all the time and hardly ever used. This is to be removed, made good and a small hot water tank (as upstairs) to be installed</p> <p>Simms Pairs – Silvia Turley is to run a Simms Pairs Evening on Thursday 5th March 2026 and will email members with details</p> <p>Christmas Party and AGM 2025 – This was very successful</p> <p>Christmas Party and AGM 2026 – It was decided to hold this on Sunday 6th December 2026, with the same format as last year. It was decided that partners will not be included this year as, if taken up in large numbers, the resulting number of attendees would be too large. We will be asking members to contribute to making/providing and bringing some food to the Party and helping with clearing up as this is a very onerous task which is left to a very few</p> <p>Members volunteering to help in the Club – We have no paid staff and so we are asking that all members please try and volunteer to help keep the club and sessions working well.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need a volunteer to look after the front gravel area of the building or we will be employing and paying someone from the club funds 2. Sessions – please empty the dishwasher if full, put your cups etc in the dishwasher. Please return boards, BMs and table cards to the director's area to make this job easier. If you pull the blinds in the winter, please open when leaving to prevent condensation. In summer leave blinds closed to keep the room cool. <p>Improve your Bidding, Play and Defence – Kate Gould has volunteered to run a few informal sessions. Details of this will follow by email in the early spring</p>
Treasurer's Report	Our funds are very healthy and whilst figures are not given in these minutes, anyone may contact Mark Gregory, our Treasurer, for further information
Snooker	<p>Details of the snooker rep's responsibilities were discussed and an email was sent to LC, as he was not at the meeting, to detail these.</p> <p>Baize – LC to report to committee the situation with regard to this</p> <p>Tea and Coffee to be provided downstairs – JC to do</p>
Correspondence	Email received from Robbie Fowler and he will be written to by LS and we received a letter of thanks from Sue Ford, showing her appreciation of the re-naming of the committee room to the Alan Ford Room
Webmaster mattes	LS was asked to contact Silvia Turley and Allan Luckin to make sure all application forms ask for next of kin information
Refreshments	Nothing to report
Welfare	Nothing to report
Health and Safety/Accidents	A discussion was held about having a defibrillator on the premises. This is being looked into by MG and IM is looking at training. This is needed whether we buy one or make use of the one in Lyon Street, and it was agreed that this information re the site of the nearest machine should be made available to members
Membership	<p>We now have - 77 members for bridge</p> <p>32 for snooker</p> <p>4 for both</p>
AOB	Our gutter abutting Adams Beeny to be replaced whilst scaffolding is up
Next Meeting	Wednesday 25 th February 2026 at 10am